## ORDINANCE NO. 2344

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF REDMOND, WASHINGTON, AMENDING CHAPTER 2.16 AND REPEALING CHAPTER 2.17 OF THE REDMOND MUNICIPAL CODE IN ORDER TO COMBINE THE CURRENT BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS AND TRAILS COMMISSION INTO A NEW BOARD OF PARKS AND TRAILS COMMISSION; PROVIDING FOR THE MEMBERSHIP, POWERS, AND DUTIES OF THE COMBINED COMMISSIONERS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Chapter 2.16 of the Redmond Municipal Code creates a Redmond Board of Park Commissioners and Chapter 2.17 creates a Redmond Trails Commission, and

WHEREAS, the Trails Commission and the Board of Parks
Commissioners have jointly recommended to the City Council that these two bodies be
combined into a new Redmond Board of Parks and Trails Commissioners, also known as
the Parks and Trails Commission, and

WHEREAS, merging the two bodies will provide for greater efficiency on issues that affect both parks and trails and will allow for a broader, more system-wide approach to parks planning, and

WHEREAS, the Council concurs in the joint recommendation, now, therefore,

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDMOND, WASHINGTON,
DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Parks and Trails Commission. Chapter 2.16 of the Redmond Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

2.16.010 Parks and Trails Commission Established - Qualifications of Members. The Redmond Parks and Trails Commission is hereby created and established. The Parks and Trails Commission shall consist of nine members, each of whom shall be appointed by the Mayor, subject to confirmation by majority vote of the City Council. All appointments shall be made from persons with an interest in parks and recreation and at least four members shall have a primary interest in trails. Consideration should be given to appointments that result in broad geographic and demographic representation of interested and knowledgeable people. **Appointments** should also strive to reflect the diverse park, recreation, and trail use interests of the community, such as active and passive recreation interests and the use of trails by walkers, joggers, skaters, bicyclists, equestrians, and non-motorized water craft on the City's "blue stream," the Sammamish River. Appointments shall be made without regard to political affiliations, race, color, creed, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, or physical or sensory handicap. Seven members shall reside within the City limits and two members shall reside outside the City limits.

Term of Office - Vacancies -2.16.020 Removal. The initial membership of the Parks and Trails Commission shall consist of the five members of the Redmond Board of Park Commissioners whose terms have not expired as of the date of passage of the ordinance creating the Parks and Trails Commission, together with the four members of the Redmond Trails Commission whose terms have not expired as of said date. members of the Redmond Board of Park Commissioners who become Parks and Trails Commission members under this section shall serve until the end of their current threeyear terms of office as provided by previous ordinances. Those members of the Redmond Trails Commission who become Parks and Trails Commission members under this section shall serve until the end of their current four-year terms of office as provided by previous ordinances. All appointments to such positions thereafter shall be for four vear terms. Vacancies that occur other than through the expiration of terms shall be filled for the unexpired term by appointment of the Mayor, subject to confirmation by majority vote of the City Council. Members may be removed by the Mayor of inefficiency, neglect of duty, misfeasance or malfeasance in office, or incapacity. Each member shall hold office until a successor is appointed and confirmed.

- **2.16.030 Powers and Duties.** The Parks and Trails Commission shall have the power and duty:
- 1) To make recommendations to the Mayor and Council concerning the acquisition, improvement and use of parks, playgrounds, and recreational equipment and facilities, and on the acquisition, development and use of trail facilities;
- 2) To make recommendations to the Mayor and Council concerning the development of enjoyable, safe, and convenient trail opportunities for pedestrians, bicyclists, and equestrians throughout the City of Redmond planning area;
- 3) To identify current and future park, recreation, and trail interests and needs of the community and to make recommendations to the Mayor, Council, and Planning Commission on parks, recreation, and trail policies and design issues for the Comprehensive Plan, the Parks, Recreation and Open Space (PRO) Plan, and the Redmond Community Development Guide;
- 4) To conduct surveys for parks and trails maintenance and safety;
- 5) To review and comment on public and private development actions to protect park, recreation, and trail interests and to identify park, recreation, and trail opportunities and options during development review;
- 6) To make recommendations to the Mayor and Council for rules and regulations governing the use and management of parks, playgrounds, recreational facilities, and trails, including but not limited to, rules and regulations relating to user fees and charges;
- 7) To involve the citizens of Redmond and the users of Redmond parks, trails, and recreation facilities and programs on issues related to acquisition, design, maintenance, and use of such facilities and programs; and

- 8) To make recommendations on any and all other matters brought before the Parks and Trails Commission by the Mayor, City Council, or staff.
- 2.16.030 Compensation Reimbursement. Members of the Parks and Trails Commission shall serve without salary or compensation. Members may be reimbursed from park department funds for necessary expenses actually incurred.
- 2.16.040 Rules of Procedure. The Parks and Trails Commission shall adopt procedural rules governing the transaction of its business. The rules shall include provision of the date, time, and place of regular meetings of the Commission. Provision shall be made for maintaining minutes of Commission meetings and records of all Commission reports, conclusions and recommendations. The Rules of Procedure shall provide for the election of Commission officers, which shall include a chairperson and vice chairperson, who shall serve for at least one year. The Rules of Procedure shall provide that all Commission meetings shall be open to the public and that notice of meetings shall comply with the Washington State Open Meetings Act, to the extent proceedings of the Commission are governed by such Act. The procedures shall address receipt and processing of citizen proposals and requests.
- 2.16.050 Previous References. Whenever the terms "Board of Park Commissioners" or "Trails Commission" are used in any section of the Redmond Municipal Code or Redmond Community Development Guide, or in any other ordinance, resolution, contract, or other document of the City of Redmond, the same shall be hereafter deemed to mean the Parks and Trails Commission established by this Chapter.
- Section 2. Repeal of Chapter 2.17. Chapter 2.17 of the Redmond Municipal Code is hereby repealed.
- Section 3. Severability. If any section, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance or any code provision adopted hereby should be held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or

unconstitutionality shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of any other section, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance or any such code provision.

Section 4. Effective Date. This ordinance, being an administrative action, is not subject to referendum and shall take effect and be in full force five (5) days after publication of a summary consisting of the title.

CITY OF REDMOND

MAYOR ROSEMARIE IVES

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATED:

MALISA FILES, CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

OFFICE OF THE CITY ATTORNEY:

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FILED WITH THE CITY CLERK: PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL:

SIGNED BY THE MAYOR: ProTem

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